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The Claims are reflected in this listing of claims, which has been provided strictly for the Examiner's convenience. No claims have been amended.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A system for controlling access to services available from a communications unit, the system comprising:
 - a memory arranged to store a plurality of identification numbers; and
 - a processor coupled to the memory and responsive to a request for access to services, wherein the processor denies the request for access to the services until a security screen is satisfied, unless access to the services corresponds to one of the plurality of identification numbers that has recently been used in accessing services.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the memory comprises one of an internal memory and an external memory.
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the plurality of identification numbers comprises one of telephone numbers, unit identification numbers, and user identification numbers.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the processor further denies the request for access to the services until the security screen is satisfied, unless access to the services corresponds to any one of the plurality of identification numbers.

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5. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the processor denies a request to modify the plurality of identification numbers, unless the security screen is satisfied.

6. (Original) The system of claim 5, further comprising a user interface for conveying the request for access to the services to the processor and for entering a personal identification number (PIN) to satisfy the security screen.

7. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the request for access to the services include a request for access to one of calling services and services provided by an application accessed through the communications unit.

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15. (Original) A method for controlling access to services available from a communications unit, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of identification numbers;

receiving a request for access to services; and

processing the request for access to services, wherein the processing further comprises, determining whether a security screen has been satisfied,

granting the request for access to the services when the security screen has been satisfied, and

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denying the request for access to the services when the security screen has not been satisfied, unless access to the services corresponds to one of the plurality of identification numbers that has recently been used in accessing services.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the providing the plurality of identification numbers further comprises providing one of telephone numbers, unit identification numbers and user identification numbers.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the denying the request for access to the services further includes denying the request for access to the services until the security screen is satisfied, unless access to the services corresponds to any one of the plurality of identification numbers.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
storing the plurality of identification numbers into a memory; and
forbearing an attempt to modify the plurality of identification numbers, until the security screen is satisfied by entry of a valid personal identification number (PIN).

19. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:
comparing the request for access to the services with previous requests for access to the services; and
allowing the access to services if the comparing is favorable.

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20. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein processing further comprises allowing a request for access to a predetermined service.

21. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein the receiving the request for access to the services further comprises receiving a request for access to one of calling services and services provided by an application accessed through the communications unit.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, further comprising:

providing a first plurality of identification numbers corresponding to recent calls and a second plurality of identification numbers corresponding to a phone book,

wherein the request for calling services comprises one of receiving a call and originating a call to one of the first and the second plurality of identification numbers; and

wherein the processing comprises granting the request for calling services to one of the first plurality of identification numbers and denying the request for calling services to any one of the second plurality of identification numbers unless a valid personal identification number (PIN) is entered.